

JEFF KOHN ROLLS THE DICE ON RETIREMENT **By Kathleen Piché, Public Affairs Director**



Always a sucker for a winning bet, Jeff Kohn, MHA II, Patients' Rights Division, is retiring this week after 24 years of working with Los Angeles County.

Jeff initially hit the tables in the jail on the Inpatient Unit in 1979. He then moved to the Outpatient Unit, spending a total of 18 years at the jail. He rolled snake eyes and left the county for a while, but returned to LACDMH and to the jail in 1996. Jeff transferred to the MHSA MIU for one year before moving over to Quality Improvement. He was then dealt a royal flush and moved to the Patients' Rights Office (PRO) as a Mental Health Analyst II four years ago. While in Patients' Rights, he provided leadership as pit boss for over a year while the new director, Mary Williams, was found.



Over 80 high rollers showed for Jeff's retirement celebration at the San Antonio Winery on Thursday, August 25, 2012. Everyone had a chance to commend Jeff for excellent service he has contributed to the department and to the community,

including Director Marvin Southard, staff from the PRO, the training division and the jail.

Veteran Advocate, Pat Berger, planned the successful event, and with help of others in the Patients' Rights Office, decorated the room and tables in a Las Vegas theme with playing cards, chocolate poker chips and dice. It doesn't sound like retiring will be a gamble for Jeff, he's hit the progressive jackpot!

